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LIMDIS JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, KS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF FEBRUARY 26 YELLOW SEA INCIDENT IN MAC

REF: (A) CINCUNC 270350Z; (B) CINCUNC 271106Z;

(C) STATE 046188; (D) SEOUL 01298

1. AT THIS POINT, OUR GENERAL PURPOSE IS TO DOWNPLAY  
FEBRUARY 26 INCIDENT AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE. AT MAC  
MEETING WE WILL PARTICULARLY WANT TO AVOID UNC/USG  
SUPPORT FOR OR IDENTIFICATION WITH EXTREME MND POSITION  
(REF C). IN PARTICULAR, UNC SHOULD AVOID ATTEMPT TO  
EXPLAIN OR JUSTIFY INCIDENT IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL

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LAW, INCLUDING FISHING RIGHTS,

OR FORMAL LEGAL STATUS OF NPLL.

2. UNC STATEMENTS SHOULD STRESS THAT ORIGINS OF INCIDENT  
STEM FROM UNIQUE CONDITIONS. APPEARANCE OF N.K. FISHING  
AND PATROL CRAFT IN NEW AREA ALERTED ROK DEFENSES. EF-  
FORTS TO DETERMINE NATURE OF VESSELS WERE HAMPERED BY  
REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND RESULTED IN UNNECES-  
SARY AND REGRETTABLE COLLISION AND LOSS OF LIFE. A  
SIMPLE IDENTIFICATION AND INDICATION OF NON-HOSTILE  
INTENT BY N.K. BOATS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HELP  
PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS. INGERSOLL

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